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**MESSAGE:** U.S. Serial No. 09/662,533 filed 9/15/00  
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Attached for filing please find the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (in duplicate); and
2. Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09 / 662,533 First Named Applicant: Simon P. VALENTINE  
Examiner: Christine Y. Ng Art Unit: 2663 Status of Application: Under Final

## Tentative Participants:

(1) Peter L. Michaelson (2) Hugh Wright

(3) Christine Y. Ng (4)

Proposed Date of Interview: Sept. 1, 2004 Proposed Time: 10:00 AM (AM/PM)

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) 102 rejection as set forth in Final Action mailed May 24, 2004	_____	USP 5,734,824 (Choi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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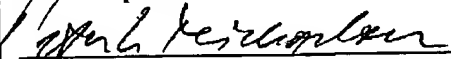
## Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

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 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

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